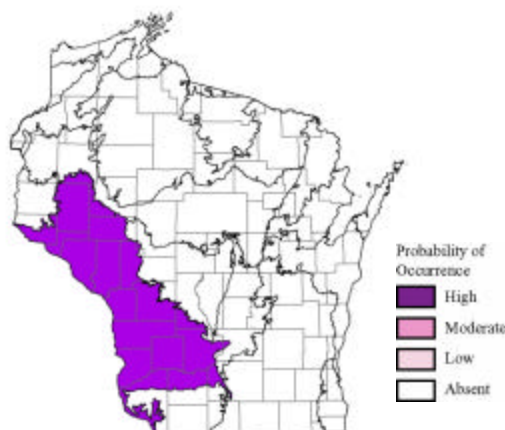


## Western Worm Snake (*Carphophis amoenus*)

### Species Assessment Scores\*

State rarity:	5
State threats:	3.5
State population trend:	3
Global abundance:	3
Global distribution:	4
Global threats:	3
Global population trend:	3
Mean Risk Score:	3.5
Area of importance:	1

\* Please see the [Description of Vertebrate Species Summaries \(Section 3.1.1\)](#) for definitions of criteria and scores.



### Ecological Landscape Associations

Please note that this is not a range map. Shading does not imply that the species is present throughout the Landscape, but represents the probability that the species occurs somewhere in the Landscape.

### Landscape-community Combinations of Highest Ecological Priority

Ecological Landscape	Community
Western Coulee and Ridges	Cedar glade
Western Coulee and Ridges	Dry prairie
Western Coulee and Ridges	Southern dry forest
Western Coulee and Ridges	Southern dry-mesic forest

### Threats and Issues

- Habitat loss through natural succession may be contributing to the species' rarity in Wisconsin.
- Rarity itself is a threat to this species. Limited distribution (known from only one site) limits chances for long-term survival of this species in Wisconsin.

### Priority Conservation Actions

- As new sites are identified, they should be permanently protected.
- Take every precaution to protect, maintain and expand the microhabitat and general habitat area that is used by this snake at Nelson-Dewey State Park.
- Additional survey work is needed to better determine the status of this species in southwest Wisconsin.
- Work with park staff at Nelson-Dewey State Park to help them recognize suitable habitat for the species so they can protect, maintain and possibly expand habitat for the snake.
- Additional surveys in Grant County are needed to better document their distribution.
- Long term monitoring is needed to evaluate population status and track trends.